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ABSTRACT

This short booklet describes Montessori preschool methods, materials, and environments. The booklet provides background on Maria Montessori and highlights her commitment to facilitating the self-creating process of the child. Preschool years are described as being critical in that they are the peak of children's ability to absorb all that is going on around them. Montessori preschool classrooms are discussed as child-centered communities, with well-prepared learning environments, developmentally appropriate materials, and an emphasis on life skills. Montessori Sensorial and Mathematics materials are also discussed. The home and the outdoors are considered as extensions of the classroom. Ending sections discuss how to decide if Montessori is right for your child. (JW)

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